



HMS Weekly Update

17 September 2020

Dear Parent/ Carer

Update on life in school

School continues to be a vibrant environment and pupils are now in a good routine with a demonstrable understanding of the new expectations. We continue to be very proud of how they have all adapted to the new term. This week's assemblies have focused on the theme of democracy and how pupils can get involved with the School Parliament this year. Democracy was in action once again this week as the children voted for their new House Captains – well done to all of the applicants! As you know, guidance for the region was updated yesterday and Mr Atkins communicated a change regarding face coverings for pupils in years 7 and 8, staff and visitors.

House Point Totals

Pupils are responding extremely well to our updated approach to rewarding positive behaviour. We plan to update you weekly so that you can discuss the 'P point' system at home. Below are this week's House Point totals as well as the **'Top 4' pupils in each year group**. Well done to each and every one of you – the totals are increasing rapidly!

House Totals		Year 5		Year 6		Year 7		Year 8	
Aln	2184	1	Sophie S	1	Josh D	1	Adam W	1	Beatrice D
Coquet	2248	2	Pippa B	2	Laura W	2	George L	2	Maria G
Tweed	2138	3	Robert R	3	John C-T	3	Daisy C	3	Diana B
Wansbeck	2135	4	Abbie W	4	Lucy C	4	Kai F	4	Logan C

Remote learning

Earlier in the week, I sent a letter home including details of how your child can access their Google Classrooms in the event of a COVID-19 related absence. We have also updated our ['Remote Learning' page](#) on the website. Please let us know if you have any questions or access concerns or if your child would benefit from printed resources to continue their learning at home.

Key Stage 2: 'Stars of the week'

This week's theme was **settling in and making a positive impression**. Well done to all of the pupils below.



Year 5		Year 6	
5FHA	Annabelle O	6RAL	Thomas S
5JNI	Maddie E	6CPR	Poppy A and Harrison P
5FHI	Aidan T	6JJO	Lucy C
5EKI	Jack M	6MDO	Elsa B

Learning at home

We appreciate your support with learning at home. At this point of the term, we would usually be inviting you to attend '[Information Evenings](#)' about the year ahead. As we cannot meet together at the moment, we will be updating our website with all of the useful information you need. We will include a link to our updated information handbooks next week. In addition to a weekly maths and English focus, teachers will set homework in line with our [policy](#). The below timetable outlines the expected frequency of homework tasks.

Key Stage 2	Subject	Key Stage 3
At least one piece or project every 2 weeks	Science	Once per week
n/a	History/Geography	Weeks 1, 3 and 5 half-termly
A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term.	Explore	n/a
At least once per half term	French	Weeks 2 and 6 half-termly Fortnightly vocabulary test
At least once per half term	Religious Education	Week 4 half-termly
At least once per half term	Design Technology (Y5, 7 and 8)	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term.
At least once per half term. Cookery ingredients will be required fortnightly	Food Technology (Y6, 7 and 8)	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term. Cookery ingredients will be required fortnightly
At least once per half term	Art	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term.
At least once per half term	Music	A series of pieces or one substantial project per half term.
Two end of unit assessments per half term	Physical Education	Two end of unit assessments per half term

Below are some of the online resources our pupils have access to. Please note that all pupils do not have access to each of the sites – there are helpful links on our website.



Class Charts

Mrs Curry has now sent home details on how to access our new behaviour software, Class Charts. We would really appreciate you downloading the app and regularly [accessing the site](#) so that we can keep you up-to-date with your child's time in school. You will be able to celebrate the many positive aspects as well as discussing any sanctions which we hope will create an increased home-school dialogue. If you struggle with accessing the app and/or site, please contact Mrs Curry. Once logged in, you will get daily updates of your child's behaviour record in school.



House Captains and Head Pupils

This week saw the school host its first ever virtual House Hustings. The long-standing HMS tradition of house elections took place with outstanding candidates submitting their speeches via video allowing the pupils from across the school to vote for their new leaders. We are delighted to announce that this year's House Captains and their Vice Captains are:

	Ain	Coquet	Tweed	Wansbeck
Captain	Felix W	Tom B	Aidan S	Lucy M
Vice-Captain	Orin G	Honey S	Emma N	Oliver P

Year 8 – the deadline for written applications for the position of **Head Pupil** is Monday 21 September. Please submit your letter to the main office in Fellside. Good luck everyone!

Digital Leaders

Ms Carruthers has now recruited her new team of Year 7 Digital Leaders. Well done to Jackson, Molly, Alani, Ralph, Lucas, Lexie, Poppy, Daisy and Edie who will begin their training soon. Digital Leaders are responsible for overseeing our iPad usage in school and play an important role in school life. In the past, they have even joined staff training and worked with younger pupils both in our school and local first schools. We are looking forward to seeing what opportunities await them this year. Well done everyone!



Sanitary products

We have a supply of sanitary products available in the school office. Please discuss this with your child and let them know they can call for them if needed. We can also arrange for products to be given to pupils if you let us know by calling the office team. We understand some pupils may feel unsure about coming to the office themselves.

Reminders

Y5, Y6 and Y7 Flu Immunisations will take place in school on Thursday 8 October. Please return the consent form as soon as you can.

Food bank collections have now started for each year group with boxes on the yards in the mornings until Friday 25 September. Thank you for your support.

Young Minds #HelloYellow Day (*promoting mental health and wellbeing for young people by wearing something yellow*) on Friday 9 October.

Pastoral Consultations (Form Tutor Calls) – week beginning 28 September – booking info to follow.

Have a happy, safe weekend when it arrives - I hope the sun continues to shine!

Yours faithfully

Mr Watters

Deputy Headteacher